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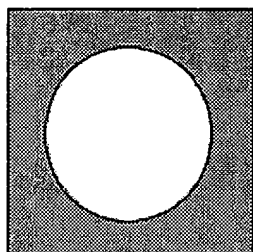
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Pronunciation: 'nɪ-'lən

Function: *noun*

Etymology: coined word

Date: 1938

1 : any of numerous strong tough elastic synthetic polyamide materials that are fashioned into fibers, filaments, bristles, or sheets and used especially in textiles and plastics

2 *plural* : stockings made of nylon

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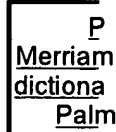
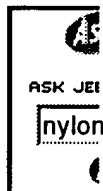
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\&\ as e in kitten

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\a\ as a in ash

\A\ as a in ace

\ä\ as o in mop

\au\ as ou in out

\ch\ as ch in chin

\e\ as e in bet

\E\ as ea in easy

\g\ as g in go

\i\ as i in hit

\I\ as i in ice

\j\ as j in job

\ng\ as ng in sing

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